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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 4906

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, IR, AF
SUBJECT: BROADCASTS REPORTING SHAH'S "DEMISE" WERE, IN FACT,
HEARD BY SOME AFGHANS

REF: A. TEHRAN 05642; B. KABUL 4579

WE AGREE THAT THE WILD RUMORS CIRCULATING HERE TEN DAYS
AGO ABOUT THE SHAH'S OVERTHROW COULD HAVE STEMMED FROM
SOVIET FUN AND GAMES (REFTEL A), ALTHOUGH WE WILL
PROBABLY NEVER IDENTIFY THEIR ACTUAL SOURCE TO EVERYONE'S
SATISFACTION. NEVERTHELESS, THE RADIO BROADCASTS WHICH WE REPORTED
IN REFTEL B, AND WHICH PURPORTED TO EMANATE FROM IRAN, WERE
HEARD BY AN FSL MISSION EMPLOYEE WHOSE PRINCIPAL RESPON-
SIBILITY IS TO MONITOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN RADIO PROGRAMMING.
AT THE TIME, HE SPECULATED THAT THE "RADIO TEHRAN" BROADCAST
COULD HAVE COME FROM SOME SORT OF "MOBILE TRANSMITTER," A THEORY
WHICH IS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH IRANIAN AMBASSADOR DAVOUDI'S
OWN SPECULATION THAT AN AIRPLANE COULD HAVE BEEN THE SOURCE
OF THESE EMISSIONS.

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